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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received a Detailed Action & Examiner's Amendment dated April 19, 2005 in response to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences partial affirmation of the Examiner's position on appeal of this application. The Detailed Action cancels claims 7 and 8 and requires that claims 9-12 be presented in independent form, so that claim 9 includes all of the limitations of claims 7 and 8. By this amendment, claim 9 is being rewritten in independent form so as to include all of the limitations of claims 7 and 8. Therefore, claim 9 should now be allowable, as should be claims 10-12 which depend from claim 9.

Claims 1 and 2 were previously cancelled.

Claims 3-6 have been allowed.

In conclusion, this application should now be in condition for allowance based on claims 3-6 and 9-12. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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